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Council Says No to Next Trade Center Building, Yes to Tidler and Smith-Ewing

by Sandra Barnes

Two controversial developments faced the city council at its February 11 meeting. In the first, council put on hold the development of Maryland Trade Center III, and in the second gave the go-ahead for zoning changes to include commercial development on the Tidler and Smith-Ewing properties.

In spite of an hour-long monologue by attorney Russell Shipley on behalf of Maryland Trade Center developers Coakley and Williams, councilmembers Toni Bram, Ed Putens, Tom White and Mayor Gil Weidenfeld pointed to the covenants agreed to by the developers (see accompanying box), and to traffic studies in the areas of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway as reasons to deny site plan approval for Maryland Trade Center III. Council-member Richard Pilski, on the other hand, praised the developer for "paving the way for good development of the area . . . We ought to consider ourselves blessed with this development," he said.

While the other four council-members were obviously pained in denying the request to go ahead with the project, they were particularly concerned about the traffic to be generated if major roads were not improved by the completion date for Maryland Trade Center III.

Shipley argued that other developers were not constrained by covenants signed with the city, and would go ahead with their projects. He further stated that delay in development will have "a chilling effect on (leasing) Trade Center II . . ." and that "taxes we've paid (on Trade Centers I and II) will benefit others."

Road-Work Schedules Uncertain
Though sympathetic, Tom White said, "The covenants require that commitments (for road improvements) be made. There are too many imponderables." He cited the federal legislation required to reconstruct the ramps to and from the Baltimore-Washington Parkway as a major unknown. "We don't know what will happen in Congress," he said, despite Congressman Steny Hoyer's stated optimism on the project. "We need more than a letter from the county executive on the Hanover Parkway improvements," he further commented.

County executive Parris Glendenning had sent council a letter dated February 8 stating that the Hanover Parkway-extended project is scheduled to begin by the county Public Works Department in April 1986 with completion by March 1987. "The widening of Greenbelt Road from Main Road to I-95 . . . is projected for

construction start in early spring, 1986, and completion the following year," Glendenning stated. However, State Highway District Engineer Michael Snyder said recently that a permit would not be given for Greenbelt Road widening unless improvements to the bridge over the Baltimore-Washington Parkway are done at the same time. Federal legislation must be passed to release funds for Parkway reconstruction.

"We need more documentation on schedules" said Weidenfeld. "Council will stop all development (on MTC III) until road developments are made. The Baltimore-Washington Parkway ramp might be a slow process," he cautioned. "We're looking for something more definite that the roads will be there."

Weidenfeld then reiterated the assurances that the city was looking for: 1) a definite time-frame for completion; 2) notification that the construction dollars have been committed; 3) design of the roads underway. Weidenfeld suggested a meeting with county and state officials to confirm that what Glendenning proposed in his letter will go forward. Terry Coakley then pressed council to state that all five city council members would be present at the meeting to avoid misunderstandings and changes. "We want to go forward as quickly as possible," Weidenfeld reassured him.

Size of MTC III

A secondary issue was the proviso in the covenants that the Maryland Trade Center site may be used for the development of only 400,000 square feet of office space in buildings other than Building I. Under the developer's interpretation of this covenant, Buildings II and III would have a gross square footage of 469,000, since the developer had subtracted 69,000 square feet as "non-office space," that is, areas used for mechanical systems and elevators. On the dispute over net versus gross square footage, White stated that the 400,000 square footage limit for Maryland Trade Centers II and III refers to gross square footage. To interpret it otherwise would mean permitting an additional 69,000 square feet of office space, or the equivalent of four to five more stories. Coakley agreed to "amend the building size to what you feel the covenants state."

Tidler, Smith-Ewing Rezoning

In spite of a recommendation by the technical staff of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) for denial of requests for zoning changes from residential-high density, high-rise apartments (R-10 48 units an acre) the city council gave its approval for the proposed zoning changes on both the Tidler and Smith-Ewing properties. Council

also approved wording changes for the covenants with the developers.

On the Tidler tract, both council and M-NCPPC technical staff agreed to support rezoning from rural-residential (R-R) to residential town houses (R-T) and residential detached single-family homes (R-55). Both R-T and R-55 are in conformance with the Master Plan, which recommends residential for the properties, the M-NCPPC states.

However, going from R-10 residential high density, to C-O would permit commercial development east of Hanover Parkway and would be an intrusion on the residential character of the neighborhood, the M-NCPPC staff report states. "The property is virtually surrounded by residential zones. The approval of a non-residential zone for this site would isolate such zone amongst residential zoned land and intrude upon the intended residential character of the neighborhood . . . The applicant offers no more than conjecture that the subject property is oriented towards Greenway Center," stated M-NCPPC staff. "Hanover Parkway is a physical barrier and logical dividing line between commercial and residential land uses."

Commercial Traffic Impact

Further, the technical staff worried about traffic impact of commercial development as opposed to residential. The proposed zoning (R-55, R-T, C-O), would generate a total of 604 peak hour evening trips. Without the need-

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MTC Covenants

The covenants signed by the developers of the Maryland Trade Center properties, Coakley and Williams, when the property was annexed by the city in 1981 include an agreement that approval for construction of Maryland Trade Centers II and III be coordinated with the construction of road improvements. However, construction of Maryland Trade Center II was allowed to go forward but with approval for further development denied until funds were committed for various road improvements. Briefly, these covenants require:

1. Extension of Hanover Parkway to Good Luck Road.
2. Widening Hanover Parkway to six lanes between Greenway Center Drive and Greenbelt Road and to a four-lane width to Hanover Drive.
3. Adding a lane to Greenbelt Road on the north side between Hanover Parkway and Baltimore-Washington Parkway.
4. Providing relocated ramps to and from the northbound lane of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at Greenbelt Road.

Who May Live with Whom Is Focus of GHI Debate

by Mavis Fletcher

"My goal is to die in my house in Greenbelt." This statement by Susan Walker of the Member and Community Relations Committee of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., summed up the views of a number of the GHI home owners who attended a January 23 meeting to discuss the eligibility criteria for occupying a unit in the GHI homes complex. What Walker and many other participants in the meeting were saying was that they don't want GHI and Greenbelt to change. The search for stability and a sense of community and the belief that Greenbelt offers more of these qualities than other Washington suburbs were articulated by most of the speakers at the meeting.

The forum was sponsored by the committee to get opinions of the members on whether any of the criteria for occupancy of a GHI unit need to be changed. One of the criteria specifies that: "GHI is a community for families; homes must be occupied by the member and the member's immediate family — spouse, children, foster children, grandchildren, parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters." This requirement and another which does not permit sharing of the premises by roommates or boarders were the two criteria debated. Margaret Hogensen, President of the GHI Board of Directors, speaking from the floor, assured those present that no changes in other criteria — for example, the requirement that the owner live in the unit and the prohibition against subletting — were being contemplated at all. Janet Cantwell, Secretary of the Board of Directors, also took the floor to explain that the board had asked the Member and Community Relations Committee to look at the criteria to see whether any changes were needed, not necessarily to recommend changes.

The lines were quickly drawn. June Didas pointed out that GHI is fast becoming a community of divorced persons and the rules should be changed to allow two unrelated persons to live together. "It's 1985, not 1885," she said. Diane Oberg cited the 1983 president's report to the membership which documented the shift to single persons as new buyers of GHI homes. She questioned the validity of a rule which would allow her to share her home with a 20-year-old sister but not with a 20-year-old friend. She also pointed out that GHI could retain control of the number of unrelated persons who could occupy a unit by setting limits according to unit size.

Other members supported a change in the "family only" rule on the grounds that people at any age need companionship. Speakers pointed particularly to the need for live-in household help which would allow older members to continue to occupy their homes.

On the other side of the issue, several members spoke of the community atmosphere of Greenbelt and attributed it, at least in part, to the restrictions imposed by GHI on membership. One member felt that changing these

restrictions would attack the values which make Greenbelt stable and which insulate the community from group living. Another member praised GHI's "old-fashioned and Godly values" and warned of the dangers of giving in to humanism. Mike Connolly, who introduced himself as a pastor of a nearby church, urged that GHI set a moral standard and resist the "basically immoral times." He went on to say that Prince Georges County has an "extremely large homosexual community" and "we should keep the moral restrictions we have."

Among the speakers, the number for and the number against change were fairly evenly balanced. Many on both sides expressed a willingness to see the rules made somewhat more flexible. Suggestions for doing this ranged from the idea of a committee to hear requests for exemptions to a list of options to be approved by the membership. If approved, the options would provide guidance to management and the board of directors in granting exemptions.

The committee will make recommendations about changes in occupancy criteria to the board of directors after the members' input is sorted out — a task which committee member Sandra Surber Smith satirically characterized as "really easy." The meeting was chaired by committee member Ed Griffin in the absence of the chairperson Betty Deitch, who had suffered a broken wrist in a fall.

Herling Concert Is Next Thursday

Albert K. Herling, Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen for 1983, will present a piano recital on Thursday evening, February 28, at 8:15 p.m. at the Utopia Theater to benefit the Baltimore Symphony Fund.

A life-long lover of music, Herling was instrumental in bringing the Baltimore orchestra to Eleanor Roosevelt High School as part of the Greenbelt Arts Center programs in recent years. He is founder and a board member of the Prince Georges Arts Council, a board member of both the Greenbelt Arts Center and the Greenbelt Trust, and he has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Baltimore Symphony.

February 28 is Herling's 70th birthday, and he plans to celebrate by helping to raise money to retire part of a debt owed to the Symphony from the concerts at Roosevelt. His music background was outlined in last week's News Review. Describing himself as a "dedicated amateur" he has been studying most recently under Santiago Rodriguez at the University of Maryland.

What Goes On

Mon., Feb. 25, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Wed., Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m. Crime Watch Training Session at Greenbriar Community Building
Thurs., Feb. 28, 8:15 p.m. Albert Herling Piano Recital, Utopia Theater

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Roads. Then Buildings.

What if Greenbelt hosted an international conference on planned communities, and nobody came? The reason? The participants were all trapped in a massive traffic jam on Greenbelt Road. That scenario is not as unlikely as one might think. April 1987 is the target date for just such a conference, now in the preliminary planning stage as part of Greenbelt's 50th anniversary celebration.

But what else may be happening in the spring of 1987?

The massive reconstruction of the Kenilworth Avenue-Greenbelt Road interchange will still be incomplete. Extension of Hanover Parkway to Good Luck Road may also yet be in the construction stage. Other major road improvements deemed essential for orderly development—the widening of Greenbelt Road between Mandan Road and the Beltway overpass, and the even more crucial widening of the Greenbelt Road bridge over the B-W Parkway and relocation of the northbound Parkway ramps—may or may not have begun by then. It takes no prophet to realize that traffic congestion by 1987 could have increased to a level of discomfort frightful to contemplate.

As if there were not enough cars clogging the nearby roads, Greenbelt's city council learned this month of plans to construct twin highrise apartment towers near the Maryland Trade Center. Because subdivision approval for this project was granted in the 1960's, county zoning law now prevents the county from disapproving or even delaying the new development, even though it is obvious that highway access will be woefully inadequate. In the spring of 1987 construction of this property could be about two-thirds complete. In the meantime owners of the nearby Tidler and Smith-Ewing tracts and of the Maryland Trade Center are pushing for the go-ahead to begin still further large-scale development.

It becomes only too easy to imagine a future in which new renters and homeowners choose not to move into East Greenbelt, precisely because of impacted road access. However desirable the properties themselves, they become unattractive if people cannot easily reach them. Whatever happened to the idea of community planning—and especially in Greenbelt, a pioneering American effort in the field?

To give our city councils their due, they have consistently pressed in the past for road improvements to be in place before approval of new developments. Thus, we are surprised to see that council has taken a less stringent stand with Tidler and Smith-Ewing than they did—and are still doing—with Maryland Trade Center Building III. True, our city council can only recommend, for jurisdiction rests with the county. And while one branch of the county government is carrying out its mandate for careful planning in this area (in the form of an update of the Greenbelt-Master Plan scheduled for approval in 1987), the county's executive branch eagerly pushes for unimpeded rapid expansion of the tax base through increased development.

We think the Prince Georges County Council should look to the recent example of its sister council in Montgomery County, which has imposed sharp emergency limits on new residential development to allow staff breathing room for reconsideration of overall planning policy, and in particular to permit revamping of the county's Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance. Several Montgomery council members are reportedly leaning toward a change in that law to require that adequate roads actually be completed—not just "planned"—before development of properties may begin.

We urge city council to press the county council for help—specifically:

(1) An emergency delay in any further building starts in East Greenbelt until road construction is actually under way; and

(2) A longer-term change in county law and policy to require that public facilities be in place before new development begins.

Robert Garin

by David Stern

Robert Garin passed away on Wednesday, February 13, following a long illness. He had resided in Greenbelt, with his wife Sonia, since 1949: first at 3-G Plateau, then at 10-A Hillside and for the last 20 years, at 29 Lakeside Drive. Always active in the Greenbelt Jewish Community, Robert had helped build the JCC in 1954-56 and served as its president 1963-65.

He was born in 1914 in Koenigsberg, Germany. When the Nazis rose to power, Robert was expelled from high school because of his Jewish faith. To qualify as an immigrant to Israel he attended a school for pastry chefs and for a time was apprenticed to one. But when Robert and his mother arrived in Palestine in 1935, there were no jobs for pastry chefs, and he took what he could find, delivering coffee by bicycle and scrubbing winery vats.

In 1939 Robert and Sonia were married. Shortly after WW II began, he enlisted in the British army, serving as sergeant. After the war Robert and Sonia came to the U.S. and for a while lived in New York City, taking whatever work they found: Robert washed dishes in the employees' cafeteria in Radio City Music Hall, and Sonia worked as a waitress. In 1949 they moved to Greenbelt, where Sonia's sister then lived.

At first, things were not much easier. Robert and Sonia bought a restaurant, "The Glass Kitchen," in downtown Washington. Later, Robert tried his hand at real estate sales, briefly, and then found his niche with the Mutual of Omaha insurance firm, where he started as a salesman and rose to unit supervisor and head of the Silver Spring branch.

In the Jewish community he will be particularly remembered for his close association with past rabbis of the congregation: when Mishkan Torah was interviewing candidate rabbis, they often stayed as guests of the Garin family. In the days before the congregation could afford a permanent religious leader, he was the one who obtained the volunteer services of Rabbi Morris Gordon, and who arranged High Holyday services led by Cantor Pomerance, a colonel from the Pentagon.

He is survived by his wife, Sonia, daughter, Eva, and son, Michael.

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Co-op Seeks Candidates

The Nominating Committee of GCC is seeking candidates to run for election to the GCC Board of Directors. The election will be held at the first annual membership meeting March 30 at 1 p.m. in the Municipal Building. At this initial meeting three Board members will be elected to serve one year, two to serve for two years, and two to serve for three years. Any vote totals will serve the longer terms. Anyone interested in serving the Cooperative as a board member may contact any member of the Nominating Committee. (See ad.)

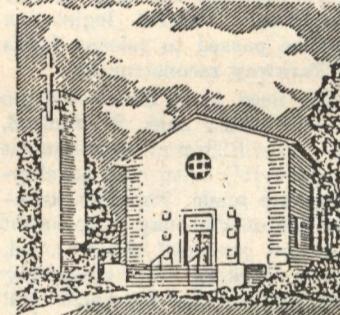
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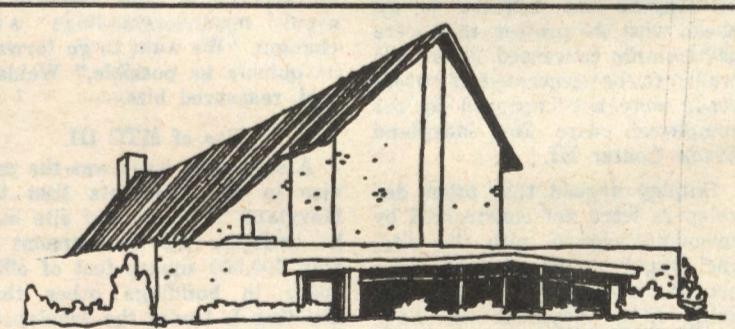
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Uses for Old Boiler Rooms Discussed by GHI Board

by Mavis Fletcher

At the January 24 regular meeting, the board of directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., received the results of a survey in which members were asked to indicate their preferences for utilizing the four free-standing boiler rooms which are now unused. The survey listed nine choices which the board had previously winnowed out of a longer list of suggested uses. Based on the 112 responses which had been received, living space was by far the most-favored use for these buildings. This choice got 47 first or second votes and only nine next-to-last or last votes. Other uses which received favorable responses were community center, day care center, storage, and laundry. The other choices—use as a GHI museum, photo studio, art and craft center, or hobby center—were comparatively unpopular and were eliminated by the board after the survey results were examined.

General Manager Ron Colton commented that the four boiler rooms can be used for various purposes, for example, three for living space and one for other purposes. Several board members noted that day care, a popular use, may cause the corporation to incur high costs in renovation and operation.

Colton also presented sketches and a set of plans for renovation of the boiler room on Plateau Place. These designs were prepared by Michael Weincek of Grimm and Parker Architects, the firm which designed Green Ridge House. They were done at no cost as a courtesy to GHI in its attempt to develop an alternative use for the boiler rooms. The designs, which left walls, windows and door opening unchanged, illustrated how this boiler room could be turned into three apartments. Colton said that the designs were aimed at elderly and handicapped residents who could benefit from living quarters on one floor.

At the last annual meeting, members tabled a motion dealing with the use of these boiler rooms. President Margaret Hognsen pointed out at the January 24 meeting that the board needs cost figures so that the membership can judge the viability of the concept of converting the rooms to living space. By unanimous vote, the board authorized the expenditure of up to \$1500 for specifications and cost estimates for these or similar designs in order to have firm price information to present to the membership at the next annual meeting.

The board also voted to set Wednesday, May 22, as the date of the next annual membership meeting. The meeting will be held at Center School. Items slated for the agenda at this time include bylaw revisions, a rehab pro-

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Police Blotter

Based on Information
Released by the Greenbelt
Police Department

A store in Greenway Shopping Center was held up about 2 p.m. on February 12 by three men. The three suspects were armed with handguns. They entered the store and then forced everyone into another room. As soon as the suspects had left, a manager reported the hold-up. A check of the area by responding officers was without result.

A burglary in progress was reported in the 6000 block of Breezewood Court shortly after midnight on February 9. A suspect was arrested after a building search was conducted.

Greenbelt police have recently received nine reports of stolen Datsun 280 ZX automobiles in the city. The department urges owners and neighbors of autos of this make and model to be aware of this trend and to report any suspicious persons who appear to be tampering with these or any other vehicles.

Officers found two juveniles with BB guns in the 9 Court of Southway about 1 p.m. on February 10.

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The NOMINATING COMMITTEE

of Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative

is seeking candidates for the Board of Directors for one-, two-, and three-year terms.

Procedure:

1. Secure a consent form from a member of the Nominating Committee (listed below).

2. Sign the form and have five other GCC members sign it.

3. Submit the consent form and a brief biographical sketch to the Nominating Committee by March 1, 1985.

Nominating Committee:

Mike Burchick, 474-6587

Eli Crupain, 474-4758

Tom Lammons, 474-3507

Wayne Williams, 474-1259

Election of Board members will be held at the

First Annual Membership Meeting

March 30, 1 p.m.

at the Greenbelt Municipal Building

AGENDA

City of Greenbelt, Maryland REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Monday, February 25, 1985
8:00 P.M.

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Meditation

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

4. Minutes of Council Meetings

5. Additions to Agenda by Council and Manager

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Petitions and Requests

7. Administrative Reports

8. Committee Reports

III. OLD BUSINESS

9. An Ordinance to Amend Sections 2-38, "Competitive Bidding", 2-39, "Authority of Purchasing Agent to Purchase from Governmental Agencies and their Suppliers Without Taking Bids", and 2-40, "Open Market Procedures of the Greenbelt City Code, to Provide that the Taking of Competitive Bids Shall be Required if a Purchase or Sale of City Property Shall Exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) Instead of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500), and to Further Provide Exceptions to the Requirement for the Taking of Competitive Bids

- Second Reading

10. An Ordinance to Amend Section 13-147, "Deferred Compensation", of the Greenbelt City Code, to Provide that the City Shall Match the Payments to an Approved Deferred Compensation Plan of Employees Who Are Members of the Maryland Employee Retirement System Up to Five Percent (5%) of the Employee's Salary, and Further Providing that the City's Matching Contributions Shall be Retained by the City Under Certain Circumstances

- Second Reading

IV. NEW BUSINESS

11. Charter Amendment Resolution to Repeal and Reenact with Amendments Certain Sections of the Charter Contained in the Division Titled "Elections", to Provide for an Amendment in Section 16, "Board of Elections-Generally", to Clarify the Language Concerning the Powers of the Board to Remove Judges and Clerks; to Provide for an Amendment in Section 28, "Vote Count", to Allow the Board of Elections to Receive Vote Counts for Each Precinct Rather Than At Each Precinct; and to Provide for an Amendment to Section 31, "Election of Council", to Change the Date for a Runoff Election from the Tuesday Following an Election to the Seventh Day Following an Election

- 1st Reading

12. An Ordinance to Amend Sec. 8-4, Title "Absentee Voting", of the Greenbelt City Code, to Provide for the Counting of Absentee Ballots at a Central Place Rather Than At Designated Precincts

- 1st Reading

13. Audit - Fiscal Year 1984/85

14. Sign Regulations

V. MISCELLANEOUS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda - subject to change.

WSSC IMPOSTER

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) has received calls from customers asking if it is conducting a survey on the use of faucet filters. Someone impersonating a WSSC employee is making false statements about water quality with and without faucet filters. WSSC is not conducting any such survey, and urges consumer awareness.

Our Neighbors

Martha Kaufman 474-9359
Eileen Peterson 345-2454

Tamara L. Bond, daughter of Ruth and Carl Bond of Greenhill Road, received her Bachelor's Degree in Community Health and in Health Education at Towson State University in January. Bond, a graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, is presently living in Ellicott City.

Johnnie Franklin of Greenbelt CARES and her husband Gary announced the birth of their second son, Christopher Michael, who was born on December 30. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 6 oz., joining his brother David who will be 3 years old this May.

Two city employees, Cindy (Public Works) and Fred (Police Department) Murray, proudly announced the birth of twins—Frederick Eugene Jr. and Donald Sheehan. They each weighed in at over four pounds.

Belated congratulations to Dave and Janet Pacl on the birth of their son James David Pacl, born at Holy Cross Hospital on November 6, 1984.

Army Pfc. Michael J. Mills, son of William E. Mills of Hanover Parkway, has completed one station unit training (DSUT) at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga. DSUT is a 12-week period which combines basic combat training and advanced individual training.

Army Spec. 4 William E. McCormick, son of Stephanie J. McCormick of 73 Court Ridge Road, has arrived for duty at Fort Campbell, Ky. McCormick, a flight operations coordinator with the 229th Attack Helicopter Battalion, was previously stationed at Camp Stanley, South Korea.

John T. Ward of 46 Crescent Road has recently become a member of the District of Columbia Bar Association. A member of the Maryland Bar Association he is a full-time associate with Brucker, Brucker and Wilson of Riverdale. In his few free moments he is also Treasurer on the Greenbelt Arts Center Board of Directors.

Crime Prevention Corner

by Marcia Heimberger

The Greenbelt Crime Prevention Committee, at a work session on February 15 discussed upcoming initiatives. The primary topic was the continuing Crime Watch Training Session effort.

Crime Watch is not intended to replace protection by the police department; rather, it provides an opportunity to assist the police by watching for suspicious activities which could indicate a crime in progress. When a potential crime is spotted, the Greenbelt Police are immediately alerted and they take appropriate action.

Following several incidents of theft and violent crime in the Greenbriar/Glen Oaks area, a Crime Watch Training Session was organized last December. The 120 people who attended the standing-room-only meeting expressed concern about the safety of their community, but they regretted that it took an increase in crime before they did something positive to help. Don't wait until crime comes to your neighborhood to take preventive steps.

The next training session will be held on Wednesday, February 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building.

GHI BOARD MEETING

Preliminary Agenda
Thursday
February 28, 1985
8:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Membership Applications
3. Visitors & Members
4. Committees
5. Manager
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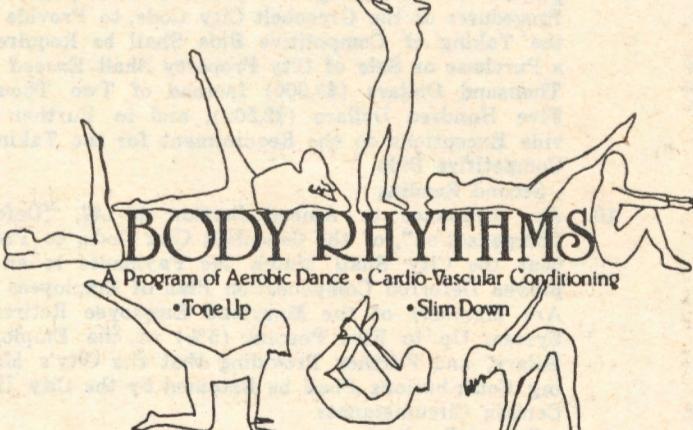
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ed road improvements to Greenbelt Road, Hanover Parkway, and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, "traffic generated by the proposed rezoning will aggravate existing unacceptable levels of service," the technical staff warned.

These same arguments were used by the staff to recommend denial of C-O zoning for the Smith-Ewing properties. "Approval of non-residential zones . . . would have a negative impact and is a complete reversal of the County Council's previous decision which only four years ago buttressed the Master Plan's recommendation for residential zoning east of Hanover Parkway." Traffic would double that of the existing R-10 zoning and would be five times greater than R-T, which is what the technical staff recommended. In fact, a traffic study done by the M-NCPPC at the city's request recommended a downzoning of the Smith-Ewing property to R-T from the existing high-rise zoning (R-10) because of traffic problems.

Citizen Comment

Speaking on behalf of Citizens for Greenbelt, Barry Schlesinger also supported the M-NCPPC technical staff's recommendations, citing conformity to the Master Plan and severe traffic problems related to commercial development.

However, Toni Bram stated that "We all have to deal with reality," reiterating that previous discussions with the developers had resulted in a plan which traded the high-rise development for commercial development. Stated Tom White, "This reflects less density than what is allowed" and represents consensus of nearby residents (Hunting Ridge, Windsor Green, and Greenbriar), the Advisory Planning Board and the city council. Council therupon approved the rezoning changes on both properties. A hearing on the applications will be held before the county's Planning Board on February 27.

The developer agreed that the normal "adequate public facilities" tests of the M-NCPPC will be met at the time of subdivision review and again at the time of site plan review. In addition, a traffic circulation plan will be prepared and submitted to M-NCPPC at the time of those two reviews. The city council will also be given site plan review opportunity.

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February, 1935 50 Years Ago

by Don Volk

The year 1935 witnessed the beginning of intensive planning activity within the Roosevelt administration which would result in the formulation of a new towns program and the construction of the community of Greenbelt. February marked the beginning of concrete planning for the new towns. A month earlier, on January 4, Roosevelt had requested funds from Congress to attack the economic problems facing the country. In February, Congress was considering his Emergency Relief Appropriations Act, which would pass a few months later. Included in these funds would be money to launch the greenbelt towns program.

Meanwhile planners were beginning to think about what these towns might look like and where they might be located. The first step is described by Joseph Arnold in his book *New Deal in the Suburbs*:

"The planning of the towns began on an unusually warm day in February, 1935, when (Rexford) Tugwell took John Lansill and Wallace Richards out to the Beltsville National Agriculture Research Center . . . located a few miles outside Washington in a rolling terrain that was still quite rural. As the three men walked across the windblown fields adjacent to the center, Tugwell explained for the first time his idea for the construction of a model community that could be built on this land. The town could house not only the employees in the expanding research center, but low-income families from Washington's slums. He discussed the feasibility of Lansill's Land Utilization Division (of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration) building such model towns outside a number of metropolitan areas. Tugwell concluded with a confidential offer to incorporate Lansill's division into a new agency which he would soon suggest to the president — the agency that emerged three months later as the Resettlement Administration. The initial funds would come from the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act then being debated in the Congress."

"Lansill and Richards knew little about model suburban towns but were enthusiastic."

The wheels had been set in motion!

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Wrestlers at Lion's Club

University of Maryland wrestling coach John McHugh will bring members of his team to a meeting of the Lion's Club on February 25, at 7:15 p.m., at the Greenbelt American Legion.

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Recreation Review

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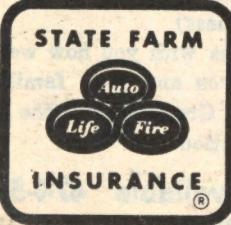
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